

# Bedfont Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

We are now aware of what regulations the Government has following the month long lockdown. The new arrangements will not affect us hugely at school. The Government has been insistent in their commitment to schools remaining open and rightly so in my opinion. It appears that London will be placed into tier 2 which means that we will continue as we are up until Christmas barring any further positive cases or outbreaks in the school.

Please can I remind parents that the measures we have in place at the beginning and end of the day are for everybody. Please make sure that you join the queueing system to drop off and collect your child. This way we can ensure that this is ordered and people can remain distanced.

Please can I also ask you all to wear face coverings whilst waiting and whilst on the school premises. Whilst this is not law, it has been requested by Hounslow Local Authority in all schools and it is important that we all take responsibility as members of our community. These arrangements are likely to be in place for a considerable time and it is important that we all respect them and get used to them. Complacency can be a dangerous thing.

### **Medical Appointments**

If your child has a medical appointment, where possible it must be booked out of school hours. Where the appointment can not be booked out of school hours, please can you bring an appointment card or letter into school with the date of appointment on.

### **Absences – We Need to Know**

If you telephone the school office to report an absence, we do need you to give clear, concise information about the reason for the absence, as this has to be reported to the Department for Education every day. We need to know:

Is your child ill with COVID symptoms?

Which symptoms do they have?

Have you accessed a test?

What are the test results, when you have them?

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Is your child ill with no COVID symptoms?

Is your child isolating because someone else in the household has symptoms?

Has that other person had a test?

What are the results?

Thank you for your co-operation with this, it will help us provide accurate statistics to the DfE – all of the figures are anonymised, but it does help them get a clear picture of what is happening in schools.

### **Christmas**

Sadly, we will not be able to do our traditional Christmas Concerts this year. However, we have got something up our sleeves. Watch this space! We will be planning lots of nice things for children to enjoy as we get nearer to the end of this term. One of these events will be **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December**. Children are invited to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation towards Save The Children Fund. This is an amazing charity— they are doing some fantastic things to support our local families who are struggling financially or who have suffered financially during COVID. A charity that really deserves our support.

### **Christmas Dinner - Friday 11th December**

Christmas dinner takes place on Friday 11th December. Please get your form back to school as soon as possible. Friday 11th is also Christmas jumper day so don't forget to get your jumpers ready!

### **Christmas Cards**

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions I wanted to give you notice that we will not be able to use our School Christmas Post Box this year or organise the distribution of Christmas cards to children in the school. Your child will be able to send Christmas cards to children within their year group bubble. I will share our arrangements for December 2020 and what will be happening in school in the next newsletter.

### **Staff gifts**

This year may we request that parents do not buy gifts for staff. The greatest gift you can give to your teacher and teaching assistant is to follow the guidance given by the

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government and stay safe this Christmas holiday. Show your appreciation in other ways. a simple and heartfelt 'thank you' is enough.

### **Parking Please**

Can we ask that parents are considerate to our neighbours when they are dropping off/picking up their children, by not parking across driveways. Thank you. Our neighbours, like you, also have to take their children to school and blocking their driveways stops them from getting in or out. We thank you for your co-operation.

### **Message for Nursery Parents**

If your child is born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 your child will start school in September 2021. You can now start applying for a place in Reception in September 2021. The closing date is 15th January 2021.

### **Go to our website to watch our Reception tour video**

**<https://www.bedfontprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Join+our+School&pid=379>**

### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

Everyone loves advent calendars to count them down to Christmas Day. Most children adore receiving one at the beginning of December because it gets them excited for Father Christmas coming, and every surprise that they open on the way is a promise of what's to come. In recent years, advent calendars seem to have exploded from paper pictures to chocolates and much more.

The Reverse Advent Calendar is a fun and easy way to help your local community and teaches children the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture at Christmas.

All you need is a box and if you wish you can decorate it. Each day you add something to the box, either from a list below or your own choice. At the end of the month, once all your donations are in you just bring the box into school.

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### 12 Days of Giving

Day 1 Packet of pasta	Day 2 Packet of biscuits
Day 3 Tea or coffee	Day 4 Tin of beans/peas
Day 5 Tin of vegetables	Day 6 Savoury snacks
Day 7 Packet of rice	Day 8 Pasta sauce
Day 9 Tin of soup	Day 10 Box of cereal
Day 11 Jam, honey	Day 12 Mince pies or cake

**Extra Day 13 A treat or small Christmas gift**

We have had a number of parents asking how they can donate food to families at this time of year. Below is a list of local food banks who would be very grateful for donations. Please be sure to call or check the specific website before you travel with any donations.

**Feltham Salvation Army** Bedfont Lane, Bedfont, TW14 9NH

020 8890 8195

**Feltham Food Bank** Eldridge House, 102 Hounslow Road, Feltham TW14 0XA

07448 831 297

**Store House at Riverside Vineyard Church** Browells Lane, Feltham, TW13 7EQ

07448 831297

**St Pauls and The Good Shepherd Church** Beavers Lane, Hounslow, TW4 6HJ

020 8581 5537

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